

Request for Volunteer River Ice Observers

We are looking to increase and improve our river ice observing network. Ice observers will provide information on type of ice, ice jams, ice movement, ice breakup, pictures, etc. **Ice thickness measurements are not expected and will not be taken.**

This information will be used by the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh, www.weather.gov/pittsburgh as well as, the Ohio River Forecast Center www.weather.gov/ohrfc for the preparation of river forecasts and flood warnings and flood watches.

Ice observers are expected to:

1. Provide ice reports a minimum of once per week (even if there is nothing significant to report) and as many times as required to document significant changes to river ice.
2. Provide updates on their location (home, office, particular mile marker along a river, etc.) where ice observations are taken should they relocate.
3. Review each year the presentation on Conducting Ice Surveys Safely. Persons wanting to become new ice observers or begin submitting reports with this new system should provide:
 - First and last name
 - Street address
 - City, town, or village
 - State
 - Zip code
 - Phone number
 - E-mail address
 - Latitude and longitude of ice observation location (this is desired, but optional)
 - Location where ice observations will be taken. Below are some examples:
 - Allegheny River at Kennerdel, PA
 - McMahon Creek at Neffs, OH
 - Captina Creek at Armstrong Mills
 - Youghiogheny River at Boston, PA
 - Cheat River at Rowlesburg, WV

Please reply by Tuesday, January 1, 2011 via e-mail so we can get you into the web system.

Please Reply to:

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